

Maryland Poultry

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is MANDATORY by authority of:
Agric. Art., Section § 3-804.
Annotated Code of Maryland



(Please print all information) Poultry Caretaker's Name: _____ First Middle Last) - _____ Cell: () - _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: (Mailing Address: Physical Address: (If PO Box is used): Number of locations to register: _____ (Please register each location separately) Address of kept birds: (If different than prior address):_____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ___ - ___ County: ____ **Domestic Poultry:** (*Check ALL that apply, include the number of birds maintained during the last 12 months*) ☐ Chickens #____ Game Birds (chucker's, pheasants, quails) #_____ Ratites (ostriches, emus) #_____ Turkeys #____ Waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans) #____ Pigeons or Doves: #__ ☐ A pond is located on the ☐ A body of water is located near this property **Exotic Birds**: (Registration of Exotic Birds is voluntary) (Check ALL that apply) **Purpose of flock:** ☐ Auction ☐ Contracted ☐ Hobby/Pet ☐ Live bird Slaughter/Market Other: _ ☐ Own Consumption ☐ Show/Competition

Questions: 410-841-5810 (phone), 410-841-5999 (fax), animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov (e-mail)

Return form to: MD Dept. of Agriculture Poultry Registration, 50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401

Completed by: ______ (signature) Date: _____

☐ Neighbor☐ Retail ☐ Self-Raised ☐ Other:

What were the sources for the birds ☐ Auction ☐ Commercial ☐ Mail Order

National Poultry Improvement Program certified? No Yes #_____

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Maryland Department of Agriculture Mandatory Poultry Registration

As of January 2010, over 3400 flocks have been registered

Why a poultry registration program? This program helps protect the Maryland domestic poultry industries from the spread of diseases such as avian influenza.

Who needs to register? All individuals involved in keeping or caring for all types of poultry and any number of birds, which would includes: Small households, all forms of live poultry production, production facilities/farms, suppliers, dealers, haulers, wholesalers, live bird markets, and participants in MD's fairs and shows. By definition poultry includes: Chickens, turkeys, ratites, waterfowl, game birds and domestic/captive pigeons.

Who is exempt from registration? Registration is not required if five (5) or less birds are housed for less than 120 days in a 12 month period. Exempt premises may <u>not</u> have other poultry on the property. Poultry <u>can not</u> be moved from the exempt premises, participate in shows or be sold. Examples of exempt poultry: Easter chicks, school or 4-H broiler projects and certain pets.

Who is already registered in the program? 1. Contract poultry growers have been registered by their poultry company. 2. Layer flocks enrolled in the MDA Egg Law program and MDA certified flocks have been registered by MDA.

Exotic Bird registration is voluntary and is not mandatory. However, if your birds are associated with high risk activities, registration is recommended. High-risk activities include: showing, trading, breeding, multiple bird households and activities which involve commingling with poultry or other birds.

§3-101 Registration Confidentiality: Public Information Notice: The Department of Agriculture shall maintain the information provided in this form in a manner that protects your identity. The Secretary of Agriculture, however, may disclose identifying information if he determines, after consulting with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, that such disclosure is necessary to protect the public health or prevent the spread of an infectious or contagious disease.

QUESTIONS on the Poultry Registration Program: Call 410-841-5810

	Check the MDA website: http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/animal_health.aspx for additional information	
	To prepare for mailing, please fold here and seal lower edge with tape or staple	
From:		STAMP

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